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Apetlon.

1. On 13 June 1951, a train of 19 cars loaded with AAA troops and equipment arrived at Wallern                     . Specifically, the train carried about 15 officers 50X1-HUM and 80 to 100 men, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 9 motor vehicles and 8 artillery pieces of about 35-mm, with protective shields 50X1-HUM and funnel-shaped muzzles. The motor vehicles were                      and a repair shop truck,                      (1)
2. On 15 June 1951, the approaches to Lake Apetlon and the AAA range were cordoned off. On 16 and 18 June, troops were engaged in practice firing at a towed sleeve target. All trucks and artillery pieces involved in the exercise were seen returning to Camp Apetlon, in the evening of 16 June. The following day was obviously a day of rest, with the troops bivouacking near the tents and singing songs, while the artillery pieces were lined up in two long rows parallel to the road.
3. Motor vehicles identified in the Apetlon area on 16 June, included tank truck                      and truck                      driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, in the vicinity of the camp; and, on 17 June, jeep                      driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and coming from the direction of Illmitz                      (2) 50X1-HUM
4. At 2:30 a.m. on 19 June, another train of 23 cars carrying AAA troops and equipment arrived at Wallern and was unloaded by 6:40 a.m. Troops and equipment unloaded included about 20 officers, 120 men, 18 motor vehicles, 50X1-HUM and 8 AA guns of about 35-mm, with protective shields and funnel-shaped muzzles. Van-like truck                      and vehicles                      were observed with the unit:

                     the trains that arrived on 13 June and 19 June respectively came from Gospiritz                      (1) 50X1-HUM

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5. The following Soviet AAA troops and materiel arrived at, or departed from, Wallern by rail between 19 and 29 June 1951:

2:30 p.m. on 19 June. A unit of 6 officers and 45 EM with 4 artillery pieces of about 35-mm with funnel-shaped muzzle, weapon carriers

van-like truck jeep and Studebaker equipment truck. The two-axle weapon carriers were used as prime movers. Upon unloading, the unit drove to Camp Apetlon.

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8 p.m. on 20 June. A unit of about 25 officers and about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with 16 artillery pieces of about 35-mm with funnel-shaped muzzles, 21 trucks, 4 weapon carriers and a jeep was unloaded from 41 railroad cars. The unloading process was completed by midnight.

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A short time after the train had arrived at Wallern, an empty train came in. Both trains, one just unloaded and the empty one were loaded with troops who came by road from the direction of Apetlon. The unit had motor vehicles

these trains were bound for Hungary.

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10:20 a.m. on 21 June. A unit of about 30 officers and about 300 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with 20 artillery pieces of about 35-mm with funnel-shaped muzzle, 24 trucks, 2 van-like trucks, 1 jeep, and 1 field kitchen were unloaded from 54 railroad cars.

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After it was unloaded, the train was loaded with a unit which came from Apetlon on motor vehicles

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4 p.m. on 27 June. A unit of about 20 officers and 150 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with 12 artillery pieces of about 35-mm with funnel-shaped muzzle, 15 trucks, 2 van-like trucks, 1 jeep and 1 field kitchen were unloaded from 31 railroad cars.

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An undetermined number of empty cars, which arrived some time later, were attached to this train. The train was then loaded with unit from Apetlon which had motor vehicles

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11 a.m. on 29 June. A unit with motor vehicles [ ]  
[ ] was loaded. (3)

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6. During the night of 20 June and on 22 and 23 June, troops at the Apetlon AAA range practiced firing at sleeve targets with tracer shells. On 24 June, search-light practice was held. From 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. on 26 June, the units practiced firing with live ammunition. On that and other days, small groups of Soviet soldiers arrived at the Pamhagen [ ] railroad station, and either went to Camp Apetlon or had come from there. (4) On 26 June, 84 to 90 tents were available in Camp Apetlon. Each tent was capable of sheltering about 10 soldiers. The low barracks buildings provided as quarters for EM were unoccupied at that time.

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7. On 28 June, a convoy of 4 trucks towing artillery pieces of about 35-mm, 1 van-like truck and 1 jeep arrived at Apetlon from the direction of Neusiedl [ ]  
[ ] Motor vehicle [ ] were identified.

8. On 21 June, jeep [ ] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and vehicle [ ] were observed near the camp.

#### Korneuburg.

9. On 23 June, the Albrechts Kaserne at 18 Stockerauer Strasse, Korneuburg [ ] was occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three platoons, of about 40 unarmed training personnel each, were observed entering the installation. Some of the men wore artillery insignia. Only some soldiers and a few trucks were seen in the billeting area.

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10. About 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the hutment on the road to Bisamberg. Artillery pieces parked in the hutment included: 17 large canvas-covered guns with muzzle brakes, their barrels were elevated to 90 degrees and some of them were mounted on four-wheel carriages; 8 guns with somewhat shorter barrels of 60-mm to 70-mm, some of them had no muzzle brake and some were mounted on four-wheel carriages; and 13 canvas-covered guns of not more than 50-mm, which probably also had four-wheel mounts.

11. Trucks seen in Korneuburg [ ]

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12. Individual houses in Korneuburg quartered soldiers, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. A building on Hauptplatz, which was decorated with red flags and streamers bearing propaganda slogans, seemed to be the Soviet komendantura. (5)

#### Comments.

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- (1) Since the motor vehicles [ ] belong to the 17th Gds Mecz Div and those [ ] to the 23d AAA Div it is believed that the train on 13 June did not come from Goepfritz.

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- (2) Motor vehicles [ ] appeared for the first time. Truck [ ] and jeep [ ] belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div and to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div respectively.

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- (3) According to motor vehicle [ ] analysis, the units which arrived at the Apetlon AAA range included elements of an unidentified AAA unit from Kagrán on 19 June; an unidentified AAA unit on 20 June.

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[ ] being reported for the first time but, according to the [ ] belonging to the Central Group of Forces; elements of the AAA regiment of the 2d Gds Mecz Div from Hungary on 21 June; elements of the 2500th Gds AAA Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div on 27 June; and elements of the 2501st

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Gds AAA Regt of the 17th Gds Merz Div on 28 June. Units departing from Apetlon during the same time included an unidentified AAA unit on 20 June which arrived at Apetlon on 8 June, [redacted]; a component unit of the 23d AAA Div on 21 June; elements of the 2501st Gds AAA Regt of the 17th Gds Merz Div [redacted] and elements of the 23d AAA Div, [redacted]

[redacted] on 27 June, but which are unlikely to have been on one train; and component units of an unidentified AAA unit from Kagan on 29 June.

(4) The new arrivals may have been recruits.

(5) [redacted] indicated that elements of the 23d AAA Div may have moved to Apetlon during the intervening period. This was supported by analysis [redacted]

[redacted] since [redacted] saw more artillery pieces in the hutment on 23 June 1951 than [redacted] on 18 June 1951, it is believed that the element of the 23d AAA Div which departed from Apetlon on 21 June 1951 is stationed in Korneuburg, whereto it returned.

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